

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS CHAPTER 91

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation:

Whereas, DeKalb County serves as home for many Veterans who have served honorably in the United States Military; and

Whereas, the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 91 of Decatur is an organization that continues to serve those who have represented our nation in times of peace and war; and

Whereas, our beloved county, continues to rely on the wisdom, leadership and service from the Disabled American Veterans to assist and build our community; and

Whereas, this unique organization has given of themselves tirelessly and unconditionally to preserve integrity and advocate strongly for our disabled veterans and their families; and

Whereas, the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 91 continues to serve our county by being the sword and shield of those who served our country in the United States military; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 91 of Decatur, Georgia for their outstanding service to our District;

Now Therefore, I, Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr. do hereby proclaim March 20, 2011 as Disabled American Veterans Chapter 91 Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 20th day of March, 2011.

PROHIBITING FEDERAL FUNDING OF NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO

SPEECH OF

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak out against efforts to cut federal funding for public broadcasting.

Republicans already tried to kill Big Bird in H.R. 1, but since the American People won't let Big Bird die, here we go again.

This time, NPR has been singled out as their target.

H.R. 1076 is a reckless bill that would defend NPR and prohibit public radio stations from using federal funds to acquire any radio programming from any source.

It would endanger 9,000 jobs at local public radio stations in communities across the country.

It would cripple stations like WOJB-FM, a community radio in Hayward, Wisconsin that uses CPB money for about 40% of its budget.

Without good quality national programs, local stations would lose their ability to attract the audience that they need to develop local used for local/regional news.

Why is Public Broadcasting a worthy national interest?

Demand for quality national and international news has never been higher, and the American people are best served when they are informed with current events.

At the same time, commercial news rooms are shrinking, reporting staff is downsizing, and even the size of newspapers are fractions of what they used to be.

Then you look at how the listening base for public radio has actually increased. You simply cannot argue that NPR is irrelevant when it draws in 34 million listeners a week.

It's still in the public interest to support the arts and education.

More than 2/3rds of voters oppose the elimination of public broadcasting, and the American people are smart enough to know how this bill is nothing but a piecemeal attack towards a larger agenda.

I would suggest to my Republican colleagues that we focus on creating jobs, and not on cutting quality news and education to millions of Americans.

HONORING MR. ADAM BRATTON

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the three and a half years of service given from Mr. Adam Bratton, the outgoing Executive Director of the Robert H. Jackson Center. Under the direction of Mr. Bratton the Jackson Center has seen many innovations and improvements bringing the Jackson Center into the international community.

Through new social media innovations Mr. Bratton has ushered the Jackson Center into a new realm of possibilities. He has created an international constituency with hundreds of thousands of individuals.

Mr. Bratton is responsible for increasing the donor base tremendously. During his service the Jackson Center raised over \$2 million and the number of donors has increased by 75%. Adding to his successes, the number of annual individual gifts has increased by more than 100% over the past three years.

The board of directors has also grown stronger and more involved in the Jackson Center. Many nationally known and respected individuals have been added to work together and make this establishment thrive.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals that work tirelessly to make our world a better place. Mr. Bratton is one of those people and that is why Mr. Speaker I rise in tribute to him today.

DORIS AND MELVIN PORTH TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, it brings me great joy to stand and pay tribute to Doris and Melvin Porth of Westcliffe, Colorado. The Porths have shown endless loyalty and devotion to Custer Country, the state of Colorado, and the Republican Party.

Originally from Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Porth quickly became true Coloradans upon arriving in the Centennial State. Both Mr. and Mrs. Porth have been staples in local and state politics for decades, and their service has not gone unnoticed. Doris Porth was the Custer Country Treasurer for 32 years, and had a long tenure as the Republican Party Treasurer in Custer County as well. For his part, Melvin Porth was the Republican Party Chairman for two decades, he worked tirelessly in the school district for 18 years, and he owned and operated an equipment rental business. Mr. and Mrs. Porth have also been active members of the Custer County Chamber of Commerce. The Porth's civic endeavors continue as leading contributors to their historical railroad district, which is a vibrant and important part of Westcliffe's frontier history. The community outreach of Mr. and Mrs. Porth continues due in part to their active faith life as leaders within their church.

Mr. Speaker, Doris and Melvin Porth represent the finest our state has to offer in terms of civic responsibility and patriotism. The Porths have given decades of their time to the community and their political party for the benefit of others. Mr. and Mrs. Porth are a shining example of selflessness, and it has been an honor to rise and pay tribute to these wonderful people.

"JIM LANGEVIN SPEAKS OUT FOR FAIRNESS"

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, our colleague, the gentleman from Rhode Island, Mr. LANGEVIN, recently wrote a cogent, heartfelt article published in the Providence Journal calling on his former colleagues in the Rhode Island Legislature to allow people of the same sex to marry. That is, Representative LANGEVIN urges that his State join those that allow individuals who love someone of the same sex to have that love treated with the respect—and legal equality—that it deserves.

As our colleague notes, he has for some time felt that civil unions were the appropriate forum in which people of the same sex could express their love for each other in a legally

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